



TOOLING-UP FOR PROGRESS

The momentum given the program of the National Medical Association by the 69th Annual Convention cannot fail to have inspired every member to ask, not what can the N.M.A. do for me, but what can I do for the N.M.A.? The Association's position as an independent, permanent medical organization on the American scene has been achieved and consolidated. Its constructive potential is now apparent to all. Since, as the old adage says, "If you're not getting better, you're bound to be worse, for nothing stands still in the Universe," we must gear ourselves to continue and increase our forward acceleration.

To this end I have asked our Immediate Past President, Dr. Kenneth W. Clement, to act as chairman of a special Committee on Tooling-Up for Progress, with Dr. Matthew Walker of Nashville, Dr. Herman A. Barnett of Houston, Dr. Arthur H. Coleman of San Francisco and Dr. Leroy R. Swift of Durham as members.

I have asked this committee to give careful scrutiny to our total organizational structure and to make such recommendations as may be indicated in order that we may move with all possible speed and effectiveness toward the goals we have set ourselves. I hope they will have at least preliminary recommendations ready for consideration by the Trustees at their Annual Interim Meeting in February.

In order to improve the coordination of all our operations I plan to call a meeting of all leaders with major responsibilities in our organization as early as possible this autumn so that our joint efforts may be invigorated by the consciousness of efficient team play.

Dr. Edward S. Cooper has received tremendous response to the announcement of our Talent Recruitment Program, both from those who want to help and those who need help. Dr. Asa G. Yancey is certain to be able to find the money with the Council on Financial Aid.

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